II. Handloom Sector:

Various scheme *i.e.* project package, Work-shed-cum-Housing, Group Insurance, Thrift Fund, New Insurance, Health Package are being implemented and funds to the tune of Rs. 1949.04 lakhs were released to North Eastern States during 1998-99.

III. Handicraft Sector:

The UNDP project is in the initial stage of implementation. However, for the setting up of Common Facility Centers, a sum of Rs. 77.80 lakhs has already been released to various organisations. Also 10% of the Plan Budget is earmarked for North Eastern Regions. Besides, 100% reimbursement is permissible to NGOs/ Corporation of NE region for organising exhibitions under the approved Plan Schemes of Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts).

(c) Under the scheme of work-shed cum Housing, funds to the tune of Rs. 78.37 lakhs were released to the State of Assam during 1997-98 and 1999-99 and 1131 weavers were benefited.

**Use of Spare Land of NTC Mills**

†1506. SHRI JANESHWAR MISRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several textile mills of N.T.C. are clsosed for several years;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of such mills;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a lot of land is lying unused with these mills; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by Government to revive these mills and to use the spare land entangled with these property?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b): No NTC mill has been closed except Ajudhia Textiles Mills, Delhi which was closed as per the Supreme Court order on polluting industries.

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†Original Notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(c) and (d): Government had approved a turn around plan for NTC in 1995. The funds for implementation of the plan were to be generated from the sale of surplus land/assets of the mills. The plan could not be implemented in the absence of permission from the concerned State Governments for sale of land, particulary from the Government of Maharashtra from where bulk of the funds were to accrue.

On the basis of a unit-wise viablity study made by NTC, Government is considering a revised turn around plan for the viable subsidiaries of NTC alongwith the viable mills under them keeping in veiw the BIFR norms of net worth of these mills turning positive within the period prescribed by BIFR. The interest of the workers will be kept in view in the Revivil Plan.

**Revival of Spinning Mills in Andhra Pradesh**

1507. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of spinning mills in Andhra Pradesh, district-wise;

(b) the number of spinning mills which have been closed down during the last three years;

(c) the reasons for closure of those mills;

(d) whether any steps have been taken for revival of those mills; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The district-wise number of cotton/man-made fibre (Non SSI) spinning mills in Andhra Pradesh as on 30.9.1999 is given below:—

| Name of District | No. of Spinning Mills |
|---|---|
| Adilabad | 3 5 |
| Anantapur | 20 |
| Chittoor | |